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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

Section 63.71 Application of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a) File No.
AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas,)
AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and)
AT&T Texas)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

AT&T Inc., on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas ("AT&T") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214 and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue Designated Operator Services throughout its five state territory, which includes the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas

One AT&T Plaza, 208 S. Akard Street, Dallas, Texas, 75202

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service effective December 1, 2007, subject to Commission approval of this application.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

The services will be discontinued in the AT&T service territories in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

AT&T's Designated Operator Services ("DOS") provides operator services for third party carrier customers. Essentially, AT&T's DOS service provides operator service functionality when end user customers of a carrier that subscribes to DOS dials 0+ or 00- to reach an operator. DOS provides a combination of automated and operator-assisted services for the carrier customer's end users, including but not limited to assisting callers wanting to make collect calls, calls billed to a third number, or calls billed to a calling card. Assistance would also be provided for those customers having difficulty dialing direct, which could include interstate and international calls. DOS is currently offered via AT&T's FCC Tariff No. 73.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because AT&T currently has no demand for this service and there are ample competitive alternatives for operator services.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T does not have any customers subscribing to this service.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the

Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T asserts that it is non-dominant in the provision of Designated Operator Services, but acknowledges that this Application will be processed using the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director, Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since AT&T has no demand for this service and there are comparable services offered by other providers. Therefore, AT&T respectfully requests the Commission to approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of DOS service.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 21st day of September 2007, served a copy of the foregoing
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